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SANTO DOMINGO FOR RSO

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SUBJECT: DISINTEGRATOR

OUR TCU HAS INSTALLED A MODEL 1012 DISINTEGRATOR FOR ROUTINE AND
EMERGENCY DESCRTUCTION OF CLASSIFIED MATERIAL AND WILL TURN
OVER TO US A MODE II INCINERATOR WHICH IS NO LONGER IN USE.
C&R CURRENTLY USES A SIMILAR INCINERATOR FOR ROUTINE DESTRUCTION
OF CLASSIFIED MATERIAL. HOWEVER, EMBASSY HAS LITTLE ADDITIONAL
CAPABILITY FOR DESCRTUCTION ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS. IN A GENUINE
EMERGENCY SITUATION, THE MODEL II INCINERATOR-RATE OF 85-120
LBS. PER HOUR WOULD BE INADEQUATE FOR THE AMOUNT OF MATERIAL
MAINTAINED AT POST.

SUPPLEMENTAL DESTRUCTION CAPABILITY IS PROVIDED BY SEVERAL
SODIUM NITRATE BURN BARRELS LOCATED ON THE CHANCERY ROOF AND IN
AN ENCLOSED COURTYARD OF THE CANCERY. THESE BARRELS PRESENT
PROBLEMS BECAUSE THOSE ON THE ROOF ARE EXPOSED TO HIGHER
ROOFTOPS ON ALL FOUR SIDES, AND THERE IS NO PROTECTING WALL OR
BARRIER FOR PERSONS WHO WOULD HAVE TO LOAD AND IGNITE THE BARRELS.
THOSE BARRELS THAT ARE LOCATED IN THE COURTYARD ARE ONLY A FEW
FEET FROM WALLS ON ALL SIDES AND WOULD ONLY BE USED AS A LAST
RESORT BECAUSE OF THE DANGER OF FIRE AND OF TOXIC GAS INHALATION
BY PERSONS NEAR THE BARREL LOCATION. FINALLY, THE BARRELS ARE
ALL LOCATED IN PLACES THAT ARE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO REACH
AND WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO USE IN TIME OF EMERGENCY. UNFORTUNATELY,
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THERE ARE NO BETTER LOCATIONS AVAILABLE.

THE RSO HAS REQUESTED THAT WE PROVIDE A MORE SUITABLE MEANS OF EMERGENCY DESTRUCTION. WE INTENDED TO INSTALL THE EXCESS TCU INCINERATOR TO PROVIDE THIS CAPABILITY, BUT THERE ARE THREE PROBLEMS PRESENTED BY THE INSTALLATION: FIRST: WE DO NOT HAVE A SUITABLE PLACE FOR THE UNIT. THE INCINERATOR WOULD HAVE TO TAKE OVER EXISTING OFFICE SPACE, AND ALL SUCH SPACE IS BEING USED TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT AT THE PRESENT TIME. SECOND: THE STACKING FOR THE TCU UNIT HAS RUSTED OUT AND MUST BE REPLACED AT A MINIMUM COST OF \$2,000.00. OTHER NECESSARY MATERIAL WOULD PUSH THE TOTAL INSTALLATION COSTS EVEN HIGHER. FINALLY, THE INCINERATOR DEPENDS UPON AN OUTSIDE POWER SOURCE FOR OPERATION OF ITS FORCED AIR SYSTEM. THE EMBASSY POWER SUPPLY WOULD NOT BE RELIABLE IN TIME OF CRISIS SINCE OUR GENERATOR IS LOCATED IN A SMALL BUILDING SEPARATE FROM THE CHANCERY ITSELF. THEREFORE, THE INCINERATOR MAY BECOME USELESS WHEN NEEDED THE MOST.

THE BEST SOLUTION IS A DISINTEGRATOR FOR THE EMBASSY TO BE LOCATED IN THE C&R AREA. THIS UNIT WOULD NOT ONLY PROVIDE EMERGENCY DESTRUCTION CAPABILITY BUT, EQUIPPED WITH A GASOLINE ENGINE AND AC GENERATOR KIT, WOULD INSURE SUCH CAPABILITY IN TIME OF EMERGENCY. IN VIEW OF THE COSTS AND OTHER PROBLEMS FOR A SECOND INCINERATOR, THE DISINTEGRATOR APPEARS TO BE THE BEST ALTERNATIVE FOR OUR NEEDS.

THE RSO HAS APPROVED IN WRITING THE ACQUISITION OF THE MODEL 1012 DISINTEGRATOR FOR THIS POST. AN APPROPRIATE UNIT, WITH ALL NECESSARY ACCESSORIES, LISTS IN THE SECURITY CATALOG FOR \$5,008.90. ESTIMATE THAT EXPORT PACKING AND FREIGHT WILL BRING COST TO APPROXIMATELY \$7,512.00.

REQUIREMENT THAT THIS ITEM BE PURCHASED THROUGH OPR/ST PRECLUDED POST FROM INCLUDING REQUEST IN I/D STATEMENT AND SUMMARY TELEGRAM OF MAY 9, SINCE ANY FUNDS THAT MAY BECOME AVAILABLE WILL SURELY COME AFTER JUNE 1 CUT-OFF DATE FOR OPR/ST.

IF ARA HAS MADE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR LATE REQUISITIONING FROM OPR WHICH WOULD COVER PURCHASE THIS ITEM, AND IF FUNDS DO BECOME AVAILABLE EMBASSY WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL IF ARA COULD PLACE ORDER FOR US.
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FOLLOWING IS DESCRIPTION OF NEEDED EQUIPMENT:

MODEL 1012	\$2,938.50
SPARE SET BLADES	247.50
CAMCO MODEL CM-395-IA GAS ENGINE	899.00
GENERATOR KIT 115/230 VOLTS	454.00
VIBRATION KIT CM 412-200 1A	394.00

EAR PROTECTORS - 2 EACH AT \$13.95 27.90
OPTIONAL POWER REQUIREMENTS 50.00
220/230 VOLTS, SINGLE-PHASE 60 CYCLE.

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